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Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Fort authorities have made any representations in the matter? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" It has already been answered."

Recognition of Hospital Workers' Unions.

* 10 Q.—Sri M. VEERABHADRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state with reference to the answer given by him to a supplementary question arising out of question No. 119 on 24th November 1952 whether Government Memorandum No. 20697-H/51-4, Health, dated 20th June 1951, has been cancelled or is still in force?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Hospital Workers' Unions of this State have not so far been recognized as such by the Government. The question of recognition is pending the enactment of the Labour Relations Bill by the Government of India. Representations from these unions are dealt with without going into the question of recognition. The Memorandum referred to above ceased to be in force from 7th September 1951 and was formally cancelled on 4th March 1952."

Sri M. VEERABHADRAM :—" 4-3-1952 వ తారీకున పాస్ చేసినటువంటి ఉత్తరువు తరువాత ఇప్పుడుకూడ ఈ Memorandum ప్రకారంగా అధికారులు చర్య తీసుకొనుటకు ప్రయత్నిస్తున్నారనే విషయము ప్రభుత్వమునకేమైనా తెలుసునా? "

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, do the Government know that even after the cancellation of the earlier order on 4th March 1952, the officials are acting under the original order which definitely asked the officials not to recognize the trade unions and take action against those people who are members of the trade unions? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir. No action is being taken."

Sri D. SEETHARAMIAH :—" ఇప్పుడు మద్రాసు స్టేటులో ఈలాంటి unions ఎన్ని ఉన్నాయో ప్రభుత్వము చెప్పగలరా? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" There are six unions, Sir."

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister stated that the question of recognition of trade unions of hospital workers will be dealt with only after the Labour Relations Bill has been enacted. Do the Government know that there is a Trade Disputes Act under which a number of unions of non-Government servants are recognized by employers and do the Government think that they stand on a different footing, in respect of recognition of the Government employees' unions? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" There are several unions of hospital workers and Government must have something to go by. So they are awaiting the passing of the Labour Relations Bill."

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Sri P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, have the Madras Government any policy with regard to the recognition of trade unions of Government employees or have they no policy and are they just waiting for the Central Government to do something in the matter? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" The question may be addressed to the Minister for Labour."

Sri M. VEERABHADRAM :—" పార్లమెంటులో Labour Relations Bill ఉన్నది, అది పూర్తి అయిన తరువాత recognition విషయము ఆలోచిస్తున్నదని ప్రభుత్వం చెప్పుచున్నది. ఈలోపుగా ఆ unions తోటి ఉత్తర ప్రత్యుత్తరాలు జరపడానికి ప్రభుత్వము స్థానికాధికారులకు ఉత్తరవులు జారీచేస్తుందా? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member will please repeat the question."

Sri M. VEERABHADRAM :—" పార్లమెంటులో Labour Relations Bill ఉన్నది, అది పూర్తి అయిన తరువాత recognition విషయమే ఆలోచిస్తున్నదని ప్రభుత్వం చెప్పుచున్నది. ఈలోపుగా ఆ unions తోటి ఉత్తర ప్రత్యుత్తరాలు జరపడానికి ప్రభుత్వము స్థానికాధికారులకు ఉత్తరవులు జారిచేస్తుందా? "

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Pending enactment of the Labour Relations Bill by the Central Government will the State Government issue orders to their officials to recognize all unions of Government employees? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Without going into the question of recognition, Government continue to deal with the unions whenever representations are made by them."

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Do the Government recognize the difference between the recognition of a union and dealing with a union? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" I think the question should be addressed to the Minister for Labour."

Representation from the workers of the Kerala Soap Institute, Kozhikode.

*11 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the workers of the Kerala Soap Institute, Kozhikode, regarding bonus for 1950–51, retrenchment of workers, etc.; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The requests of the Union are under examination by Government."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know, Sir, whether the bonus for 1950–51 has been sanctioned? "